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**MS PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s) according to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c).

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METHOD FOR PREPARING THEREOF

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of Eight (8) pages
- ☒ Two (2) sheet(s) of formal drawings
- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- ☐ Applicant does not claim priority
- ☒ Applicant claims the right of priority under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 119 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a) based on Application No(s). 03148595.2 filed in CHINA on July 7, 2003.
  - ☒ Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.
  - ☐ Certified copy(ies) will follow.

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- ☒ Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 will follow
- ☐ Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee
- ☐ Non-publication Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

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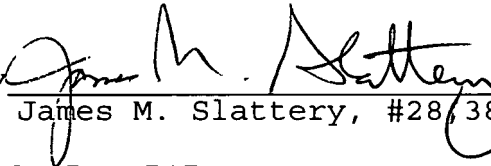
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